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Applicant(s): Micciche et al.  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

The citations listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 were either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. 09/501,542 , filed February 9, 2000. Accordingly, copies of the references listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 have not been submitted herewith. (37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)).

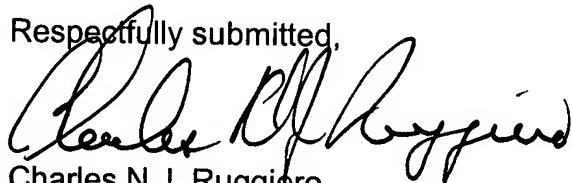
It is applicant's belief that none of the citations listed in the enclosed PTO-1449 describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the issuance of the first Office Action based on the merits, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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